

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



State of California  
The Natural Resources Agency  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

PROJECT TITLE	Eastside Berryessa Training Burn		
PROJECT LOCATION	Unsectioned portion of T10N, R4W, Mt. Diablo Base & Meridian (38°40'34"N, 122°15'41"W)	COUNTY	Napa
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project consists of 80 acres of broadcast burning in grass/oak woodland along the northeastern side of Lake Berryessa. The project is within the Lake Berryessa Wildlife Area on Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) land, 18 miles west of the town of Winters, CA. The burn activities will be led by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), with the Napa County Fire Department participating as a partner. The burn will be ignited in the grassland portions of the project area. Low-intensity fire will be allowed to creep through the oak understory if fuel loading is minimal and project managers deem appropriate. Fire control lines will be created by removing vegetation down to bare mineral soil along the perimeter of the prescribed burn to protect private property, lakeshore habitat, and other sensitive areas. Control lines will be created at least 50-100 feet away from the lake. Vegetation will be retained between control lines and the lake, which will act as a buffer strip to filter water and trap any sediment that may result from project activities before it reaches the water. Trees will be limbed to provide eight feet of clearance from the ground and hand lines will be created around downed trees and young trees to protect them from fire. An existing gravel road will act as the eastern control line for the project area. Control lines will be created by California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) crews utilizing hand tools and by a CAL FIRE Type II bulldozer.

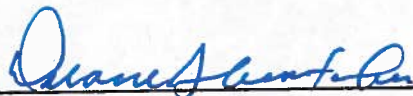
## EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 §15304  
Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

## REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under the description for a Class 4 Categorical Exemption to CEQA. CAL FIRE has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by CAL FIRE is kept on file at CAL FIRE Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit Headquarters (Attention VMP Forester), 1199 Big Tree Road, St. Helena CA 94574.

## DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING

  
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